

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for the withdrawal of ground water in Accomack County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** May 19, 2007 to June 18, 2007

**PERMIT NAME:** Ground Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Batista Madonia, Sr.; 5050 Highway 60 West, Mulberry, Florida 33860; GW0048400

**NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL:** East Coast Brokers and Packers; 15141 Finney Mason Lane, Mappsville, VA 23407 The plant is located approximately 1 mile south of Mappsville on State Route 13.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Batista Madonia, Sr. has applied for reissuance of a permit for East Coast Brokers and Packers in Accomack, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 36,986 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support a process water supply for a tomato packing operation as well as domestic water to the packing operation and to employee housing located on the site. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Lower Yorktown Eastover aquifer at an approximate depth between 250 feet to 300 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below.

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